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Mr Alex Harris  
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Dear Mr Harris

I refer to your request dated 14 September 2014, in which you requested:

- *"The number of interception warrants and access authorisations issued for the purpose of performing the Bureau's functions under section 8A of the Government Communications Security Bureau Act 2003 in the past year. "*

In response to your request, I decline to provide the number requested under the provisions of section 18(d) of the Official Information Act (the Act), on the grounds that the information requested will soon be made publically available in the GCSB Annual Report.

To release details other than those included in the annual report or outside the timing of the annual report would allow analysis to be conducted, allowing observers to deduce events that they may be connected with and thereby alert individuals/people/subjects to New Zealand's interest in their activities, thereby prejudicing the interests protected by section 6(a) of the Act.

In accordance with section 19 of the Act you have the right, by way of compliant under section 28(3) to an Ombudsman, to seek an investigation and review of the refusal.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Ian Fletcher", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Ian Fletcher  
Director